

WOMEN PEACEKEEPERS

Bangladesh top contributor

Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is the top contributor of female police officers to the United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping operations, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said yesterday.

“Our female peacekeepers have placed themselves as the key driving force to reduce gender-based violence, conflict and confrontation. Besides, they were crucial in providing sense of security, especially for women and children of the globe,” said the minister, while addressing opening session of United Nations Police Day (UNPOL Day-2022) at a city hotel.

The is the first time UNPOL Day was held in the country, jointly organised by the Police Division of Department of Peace Operation (DPO) of UN and Bangladesh Police.

“We are proud to mention that so far 23 undaunted police personnel from Bangladesh sacrificed their lives and many more were severely wounded while serving the cause of peace under the UN mandate,” the home boss added.

At present around 500 Bangladeshi police personnel are deployed as UN Police in different peacekeeping

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In 1936, the Keane Bridge was constructed connecting the hilly terrains of Sylhet with the rest of the country. Over the years, the condition of the bridge became dilapidated for lack of maintenance. Finally, the authorities concerned are planning to start the renovation work.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

‘They scammed retired officials to embezzle lakhs’

Says DB after arresting four fraudsters in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They used to target retired government and private officials and offered them positions at their so-called office and profits in investment. Later, they would embezzle hefty amounts of money from these retired officials through their fraudulence.

A team of Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested four such fraudsters from the capital's Mohammadpur and Kalabagan areas on charges of embezzling around Tk 32 lakh from two retired officials, DMP Additional Commissioner Mohammad Harun Or Rashid told a press briefing yesterday.

The arrestees are -- Haider Ali, Rezaul Karim, Nasir Uddin and Abdul Quader.

Police seized Tk 20.3 lakh in cash from their possessions.

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Historic Keane Bridge awaits restoration

DWOHA CHOWDHURY

More than seven centuries ago, Sylhet town flourished in the hilly terrain on the Surma river's northern bank.

Since then, the only way to enter the town was by crossing the river; like the mystic saint, Hazrat Shahjalal (R) had to cross magically on a prayer rug to conquer Sylhet by defeating King Gour Govinda in 1303!

Six centuries later, in 1936, a spectacular steel bridge was constructed over the river, and finally direct road communication with Sylhet town was established.

Sylhet was then a part of the Assam province and the 1,150 feet long and 18 feet wide bridge was

named by the then governor of Assam, Sir Michael Keane.

The “Keane Bridge” was constructed by the then railway department. However, over the decades, the structure has deteriorated and is in severe need of renovation.

It was first severely damaged by Pakistan army during the 1971 Liberation War. After independence, temporary renovation was conducted and further renovation was done in 1977.

However, over the decades, the bridge's condition continued to deteriorate and all heavy vehicles except rickshaws and auto-rickshaws were suspended from using the bridge in the late 90s.

As the bridge became very

shaky, the city corporation in consultation with the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) on September 1, 2019 suspended all vehicular movement by declaring it a footbridge.

However, after 52 days, the bridge was reopened for traffic amid citizens' demand.

As the bridge needed a complete restoration, the initiative was decided in a coordinated meeting on development projects in Sylhet in 2020.

The RHD then formalised the project and forwarded it to the ministry concerned. A fund of Tk 2.15 crore was allotted in February 2021. However, the progress was delayed for more than a year.

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DHANSHIRI RIVER

Identify grabbers, HC directs govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to identify those responsible for dredging 60 feet of the Dhanshiri River in Jhalakathi instead of 300 feet and take appropriate legal action against them. The deputy commissioner of Jhalakathi has been ordered to identify the persons responsible while secretary to the water resources ministry and the director general of the Department of Environment have been asked to take legal action against them.

In response to a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), the HC directed the authorities to stop any further earth filling and construction of dams and structures in the river at Rajapur in the district. They have also been asked to survey the boundaries of the river in 30 days, to identify the grabbers, prepare a list of their names and submit the list to the court.

The court also issued a rule asking the

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BOOSTING TOURISM

Bangladesh seeks Thailand's support

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh wants Thailand's support and expertise for improving the country's tourism sector, which has been lagging behind despite having immense potential.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen made the comment over a courtesy call paid by Thai Permanent Secretary-designate, Sarun Charoensuwan at the foreign ministry yesterday.

Momen also encouraged more Thai investment in infrastructure development, agro-processing, health and pharmaceutical sector.

The minister stressed on forging a stronger and more effective regional collaboration by facilitating greater connectivity in the region, and called for mutually beneficial initiatives to harness complementarities between the countries.

Momen also sought a more proactive Thai role, and of the ASEAN in general, for ensuring quick and sustainable repatriation of Rohingya population to Myanmar.

Charoensuwan emphasised on holding the joint commission meeting at the earliest and suggested seriously looking into concluding a free-trade agreement for strengthening bilateral trade.

“The agreement with the contractor was signed last month and the contractor has given a one-year time frame to complete the bridge's restoration.”

Mohammad Abrar Hossain, Railway bridge engineer (eastern zone)

 Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 IMPORT SECTION			
Corrigendum			
Invitation Ref. No. (i) 26.05.0000.016.08.092.22.1276;		Date: 20-10-2022	
Invitation For Tender (International) of 12,500 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar			
It is notified for all concerned that the above mentioned tender for (International) of 12,500 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar now is to be read as:			
Sl. No.	Sl. of tender notice	Subject	Existing
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All other terms and conditions of tender will remain unchanged.			
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 মধ্যপাড়া গ্রানাইট মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী) মধ্যপাড়া, পার্বতীপুর, দিনাজপুর			
“মধ্যপাড়া খনির পাথর ব্যবহার করুন, দেশকে স্বাবলম্বী করুন”		“দূর্নীতি বন্ধ করি সুখী সমৃদ্ধ সমাজ গড়ি”	
মধ্যপাড়া ভূ-গর্ভস্থ খনির গ্রানাইট বোল্ডার, ক্রাশড পাথর ও স্টোন ডাস্ট ব্যবহারের জন্য সকলের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ			
খনির গ্রানাইট পাথরের গুণাগুণ ও মান পরীক্ষার প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহঃ			
• বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (বুয়েট)। • এমআইএসটি, মিরপুর, ঢাকা। • ভূতত্ত্ব বিভাগ, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়। • এডম্যাটারিয়ালস টেকনোলোজী প্রাঃ লিঃ, সিঙ্গাপুর। • কিউইডি ইনডিপেনডেন্ট এন্ড রনসালটেদী, যুক্তরাজ্য। •		• হাতিরবিলা প্রকল্প। • শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দরের সম্প্রসারণ। • রূপপুর পারমাণবিক প্রকল্প। • পদ্মা সেতু প্রকল্প। • কক্সবাজার আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দর। • বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের বিভিন্ন মেগা প্রকল্প। • বঙ্গবন্ধু সেতু। • পাউরি এর আগুতাবানি বিভিন্ন নদী শাসন কাজে।	
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Journo attacked in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A journalist was allegedly attacked by miscreants near a police outpost in Moulvibazar on Saturday night.

Hossain Ahmed, a district correspondent of the Daily Jugantor, said he was going to Dakhin Bazar on a motorcycle after leaving his office on the town's Shamsernagar Road.

When he reached the post office area, some people on three motorcycles and a private car intercepted him.

“Later, they pushed me off the bike. The attackers, armed with locally made weapons, came out of the car and started beating me. At one stage, they fled the scene,” said the journalist.

Ahmed -- who was undergoing treatment at Moulvibazar 250-Bed Hospital -- said, “I couldn't recognise any of them [the attackers].”

Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Yasinul Haque said they are looking into the matter.

Cop, 2 others held with 1kg heroin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Detectives arrested a police member and two others with 1kg heroin worth Tk 1 crore in Rajshahi on Saturday night.

Nur Nabi (27), a constable at Chandrima Police Station of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, was suspended following his arrest, said Godagari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Kamrul Islam.

Nabi was held with 500 grammes of heroin at Godagari Railgate.

Based on his information, the detectives arrested two other alleged drug peddlers -- Mithun Ali (32) and Rabiul Islam (33) -- with 500 grammes of heroin.

A case was filed against with Godagari Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act.

Youth stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A youth was stabbed to death in Mymensingh's Phulbaria upazila Saturday night. The victim was identified as Mamun Hasan (21), a college student.

Police arrested one Shakil Mia (18) in this connection. Quoting locals, Md Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Phulbaria Police Station, said both Mamun and Shakil were romantically involved with two sisters of the same locality, leading to a feud between them.

Mamun died immediately after Shakil stabbed him following an altercation in Hurbari area around 9.00pm on Saturday. Locals caught and handed Shakil over to police.

Shakil was produced before a Mymensingh court yesterday, which recorded his statement and sent him to jail, the OC added.

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Memo no-627			Date: 30/10/2022	
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e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal http://www.eprocure.gov.bd				
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1	738418. Office of the Exen Memo no.514 dt. 28.09.22	Surveillance and Security for Eighty Five Sarkari Shishu Paribar through Controlled entry and Digital monitoring system one at Manikganj inc civil, sanitary and electrification. FY 2022-23.	13-Nov-2022 15:00	14-Nov-2022 10:30
This is an online Tender, Where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal http://www.eprocure.gov.bd is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any e-GP registered bank's branches within due time. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk @ eprocure.gov.bd) or (email : ee_manik@pwd.gov.bd) and call to 02-7710401. A registered person can be communicated with the undersigned during office hours.				
(Mr. Asif Rafar) Executive Engineer Manikganj PWD Division Manikganj E-mail : ee_manik@pwd.gov.bd				
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e-Tenders is invited in e-GP System (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj for procurement of following works.			
Tender ID	Name of work	Publishing date and time	Closing date and time
746070 e-Gp/Naw/2022-23/02	Single Bituminous Surface Treatment (SBST) at 1st(p), 2nd (p), 3rd (p), 4th (p), of Km Shibganj By-Pass (Z-6818) Road under RHD, Road Division Nawabganj, during the year 2022-2023.	30-Oct-2022 12.00	16-Nov-2022 11:00
746073 e-Gp/Naw/2022-23/04	SBST work including Partial Strengthening by Aggregate Base Type-II, Ch: (23+000 to 29+000) of Rohonpur-Bholahat-BDR Camp Road (Z-6805) under RHD Road Division, Nawabganj during the year 2022-2023.	30-Oct-2022 12.00	16-Nov-2022 11:00
746650 e-Gp/Naw/2022-23/05	SBST including Necessary Strengthening work at Ch: (00+000 to 5+300) & 8+000 to 8+650 & 9+150 to 9+400) of Kansat-Gomostapur-Rohonpur-Bangabari Road (Z-6802) Road under Road Division Nawabganj during the year 2022-2023.	30-Oct-2022 12.00	16-Nov-2022 11:00
746652 e-Gp/Naw/2022-23/06	Repair and SBST work including Partial Strengthening by Aggregate Base Type-II, From Ch: (9+000 to 10+000 & 13+800 to 15+400) of Rohonpur-Bholahat-BDR Camp Road (Z-6805), under RHD Road Division, Nawabganj during the year 2022-2023.	30-Oct-2022 12.00	16-Nov-2022 11:00
(Sanjida Afrin Jhinuk) ID No. 602251 Executive Engineer (c.c), RHD Road Division, Nawabganj			
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